

**FLORIDA KEYS NATIONAL MARINE SANCTUARY**  
**Sanctuary Advisory Council Meeting**  
January 17, 2002  
Marathon Garden Club

**Draft Agenda**

1:00 pm

**Welcome and Introductions**

- Call to order: Mr. George Neugent, Sanctuary Advisory Council (SAC) Chairman
- Purpose of meeting and expected outcomes: Mr. Billy Causey, Florida Keys National Marine Sanctuary (FKNMS) Superintendent
- Why is the FKNMS involved? Why is this a special SAC meeting?: Mr. Billy Causey
- Review Agenda and Code of Conduct: Ms. Alex Score, meeting facilitator

1:15 pm

**Panel Presentations**

**Panel A. Background/Legal Authority**

- History and achievements of the National Stranding Network and the Southeast Stranding Network: Dr. Janet Whaley, Office of Protected Resources, National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS)
- Purpose of the Marine Mammal Stranding Network: Dr. Janet Whaley
- Summary of current practices: Dr. Janet Whaley
- Jurisdiction and legal authority for stranding response and Letters of Agreement (LOAs): Mr. Dan Hytrek, Office of the General Counsel for Fisheries, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration
- National Ocean Service (NOS) role in marine mammal issues: Mr. Ted Beuttler, Office of the General Counsel for Ocean Service, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration
- Jurisdiction and legal authority with regard to non-cetacean marine mammals: Mr. James Valade, Wildlife Biologist, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

2:10 pm

- Question and answer period with Sanctuary Advisory Council (SAC) members: Mr. George Neugent, SAC chairman
- Determine issues from Panel A that require further clarification, if any: Ms. Alex Score
- Compile list of major facts and take-home points from Panel A presentations: Ms. Alex Score

2:25 pm

Panel B. The Science of Strandings

- What is a stranding event?: Dr. Daniel Odell, Senior Research Biologist, Hubbs-SeaWorld Research Institute
- Importance of strandings to scientific understanding: Dr. Daniel Odell
- Importance of sampling/research protocols: Dr. Daniel Odell
- Decisions during a stranding – When do we intervene?: Dr. Michael Walsh, Director of Veterinary Services, Sea World of Orlando
- Rescue, response and rehabilitation from a scientific perspective: Dr. Michael Walsh
- Mass strandings: Dr. Michael Walsh
- Standards of care and medical treatment: Dr. Michael Walsh

3:10 pm

- Question and answer period with Sanctuary Advisory Council (SAC) members: Mr. George Neugent
- Determine issues from Panel B that require further clarification, if any: Ms. Alex Score
- Compile list of major facts and take-home points from Panel B presentations: Ms. Alex Score

3:25 pm

Break

3:35 pm

Panel C. The Southeast Marine Mammal Stranding Network

- Overview of Southeast Region role in the stranding network: Dr. Kathy Wang, Marine Mammal Team Leader, Southeast Regional Office, National Marine Fisheries Service
- Letter of Agreement (LOA) process in the Southeast Region: Dr. Kathy Wang
- Overview of volunteer network organization locally and regionally: Ms. Jenny Litz, Southeast Fisheries Science Center, National Marine Fisheries Service
- Overview of established protocols: Ms. Jenny Litz
- What happens when a dolphin or whale is reported to be in distress?: Ms. Jenny Litz
- Summary of data on stranding events in Florida and Monroe County: Ms. Jenny Litz

4:25 pm

- Question and answer period with Sanctuary Advisory Council (SAC) members: Mr. George Neugent
- Determine issues from Panel C that require further clarification, if any: Ms. Alex Score
- Compile list of major facts and take-home points from Panel C presentations: Ms. Alex Score

4:40 pm

Panel D. Authorized Dolphin and Whale Rescue Organizations in the Florida Keys

Presentations from the following invited groups:

- Marine Mammal Rescue Foundation of the Upper Keys / Dolphins Plus: Mr. Art Cooper
- Florida Keys Marine Mammal Rescue Team: Ms. Becky Arnold
- Marine Animal Rescue Society: Mr. Chris Hadjez

5:10 pm

- Question and answer period with Sanctuary Advisory Council (SAC) members: Mr. George Neugent
- Determine issues from Panel D that require further clarification, if any: Ms. Alex Score
- Compile list of major facts and take-home points from Panel D presentations: Ms. Alex Score

5:30 pm

Panel E. Concerned Organizations

Presentations from the following invited groups:

- Marine Mammal Conservancy: Mr. Rick Trout
- Dolphin Freedom Foundation: Mr. Russ Rector
- All Creatures Pet Hospital: Dr. Laura L'Heureux-Kupkee

6:00 pm

- Question and answer period with Sanctuary Advisory Council (SAC) members: Mr. George Neugent
- Determine issues from Panel E that require further clarification, if any: Ms. Alex Score
- Compile list of major facts and take-home points from Panel E presentations: Ms. Alex Score

6:30 pm

**Public comment:** Facilitated by Mr. George Neugent

7:30 pm

**In-House Dinner for SAC members**

*Dinner will be provided for SAC members and panelists. Others in attendance are welcome to bring a brown-bag dinner.*

8:00 pm

**SAC Working Session:** Facilitated by Ms. Alex Score

*With the assistance of the facilitator, SAC members will review the major points from each panel presentation, summarize any issues requiring clarification, discuss these issues, and formulate recommendations for NOAA.*

9:30 pm

**Adjourn**